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SUBJECT: GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS: ARGENTINA

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1. IN VIEW OF REFTEL (A), WASHINGTON SHOULD BE AWARE THAT US WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN POSITION TO CALL FOR FULL BOP CONSULTATION NEXT YEAR IF WE SETTLE FOR MINI-BOP THIS YEAR. ACCORDING TO AGREED COMMITTEE PROCEDURES (L/3772, REV. 1), WE WOULD BE UNABLE EXAMINE ARGENTINA'S BOP-RELATED RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 1977.

2. MINI-CONSULTATIONS INVOLVE ONLY ONE SIMPLE PROCEDURE: CHAIRMAN ASKS WHETHER ANY MEMBER WISHES CALL FULL CONSULTATION OR WHETHER THE COUNTRY'S WRITTEN SUBMISSION IS ACCEPTED AS MEETING THE GATT ART. XVIII REQUIREMENT FOR NEXT TWO YEARS. NOTHING ELSE CAN HAPPEN IN OFFICIAL SESSION. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SIMPLY ANSWER THE ONE QUESTION. IN PRACTICE,
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COMMITTEE HAS OCCASIONALLY HELD BRIEF OFF-RECORD

SESSION JUST BEFOREHAND, DURING WHICH A FEW INFORMAL
QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE
INAPPROPRIATE FOR COMMITTEE TO USE THIS AS
FORUM FOR EXTENDED QUESTIONING. ABRAMS

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